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Title : BALLOON CATHETER DEVICE

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the official action mailed July 30, 2003 for the above-referenced patent application, please consider the following remarks.

## REMARKS

Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time. The Examiner is authorized and requested to charge the appropriate fee to our Deposit Account No. 07-1729.

Presently, claims 1-4, 6-18, 20-26, 28-39, 41-46 and 56-62 are pending in the application.

## I. APPLICANTS' INVENTION

The present invention relates to a catheter balloon comprised of a composite of PTFE film and an elastomer. The balloon simultaneously offers high strength (able to withstand inflation to high pressures) with the behavior of a elastic, low pressure latex balloon in that it does not require folding around the catheter shaft for insertion at a minimum diameter (as do conventional polyethylene terephthalate high pressure catheter balloons). Following inflation and during subsequent deflation, the balloon returns to its original pre-inflation small diameter without wrinkles, again in the fashion of a low pressure elastic (latex) balloon.

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